

AIDS TO OPHTHALMOLOGY. By P. McG. Moffatt, M.D.(Lond.), M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.O.M.S. Eleventh Edition. (Pp. viii + 282. 10s. 6d.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 1957.

THIS book is offered as an introduction to ophthalmology for students and medical practitioners. It certainly covers a wide field, including visual standards of various public bodies such as seamen, airmen, taxi-drivers, etc., as well as causes of blindness.

Most of the newer drugs and treatment methods are included, but I feel quite a lot of the old might be left out.

Sometimes a simpler classification might be given, and in glaucoma the latest classification is not given.

On the whole, the book serves its purpose and can be recommended for students and medical practitioners.

J. R. W.

AN INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOPATHOLOGY. By D. Russell Davis. (Pp. vi + 388. 30s.) London: Oxford University Press, 1957.

THE author of the book, a practising psychiatrist and a reader in clinical psychology, has the additional qualification of having been a member of a research team in a psychological laboratory.

The framework of the book is formed by lectures given to students of psychology. His approach, a psychobiological one, is not to the exclusion of other schools. One chapter is devoted to psychoanalysis, while other theories are discussed at length. Families of patients, family environments, and mental development receive most detailed attention in the first part. The second part deals with the application of behaviour theories, disorders of mental development, and experimental neurosis, and concludes with a chapter on psychotherapy.

It is the author's hope that this book will bridge the gap between the psychological laboratory and the psychiatric clinic. Psychiatrists and psychologists will find this a useful book.

W. A. N.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISORDERS OF SPEECH IN CHILDHOOD. By Muriel E. Morley, B.Sc., F.C.S.T. (Pp. xvii + 440; figs. 90. 45s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1957.

THIS volume will be valuable to speech therapists and pædiatricians. It deals with the development of speech and the abnormalities which arise in children. Miss Morley has written her book with a view to being of value to all those interested in this subject. Her aim has been achieved and she presents a careful and methodical survey when raising any controversial issues. The book can be recommended to speech therapists and doctors seeking an informed treatise on the subject.

AIDS TO MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS. By J. W. Hadgraft, F.P.S., F.R.I.C. Fifth Edition. (Pp. viii + 260. 10s. 6d.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 1957.

It is perhaps unfair to review one book and write a notice that praises another, but it is my considered opinion that this new edition of the "Aid" series is not as useful to either medical students or practitioners as is the newly produced "Alternative Edition" of the British National Formulary; which is published at 7s. 6d. by the British Medical Association and the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

It is a sign of the times that both these books give the metric equivalents of the apothecary system. Both books are useful pocket reference books, but the "Alternative Edition" of the B.N.F. is the better arranged and indexed and is far the easier to use, and the brief resumé of current therapeutic practice which head each section are extremely competently written.

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